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SCHEME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a 'Skill Development Fund' to provide training, infrastructure facilities and launch a programme for skilled workers to be taken up through public private partnership to train or test and certify their existing skills so that they are globally accepted ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether any consultations have been held with stake holders for their contribution; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

a)tod) A proposal to set up 'Skill Development Fund' initiated by the Government for augmentation of training infrastructure facilities in the country could not be finalized as it was not encouraged by the stake holders.

However, following steps have been taken to upgrade the skills of workers in various parts of the country to make them globally competitive:

i) 500 Government ITIs are being upgraded as Centres of Excellence;

ii) A scheme namely 'Establishment of new ITIs in the North Eastern States, Sikkim, and J&K' is being implemented;

iii) A scheme of testing and certification of skills of persons engaged in the informal sector has been started.

iv) A new scheme of Skill Development Initiative (SDI) based on modular employable skills in Public Private Partnership mode to train, test and certify the skills of persons has been taken up for implementation from the next financial year.

v) Contribution of industry is being taken in developing course curriculum, overseeing quality of training, assessment of competencies, and providing on-the-job apprenticeship training.